

**BUREAU OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS
Investigations Division
General Investigations Section**

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Statement of Accused, Police Officer [REDACTED] #11214, unit 023 relative to an allegation by Lt Richard Plotke that on 18 Dec 2011 @ 2300 hours at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] the accused, [REDACTED] failed to secure his prescribed duty weapon, a Smith and Wesson, Model 5943, serial # [REDACTED] 9mm, 4.5" barrel, stainless steel finish, reported stolen under RD# [REDACTED]

Statement taken in Room 1 of the Bureau of Internal Affairs, 3510 S. Michigan, Chicago, Illinois.

Questioned by: Sergeant Michael K. Parker, Star #1295

Typed by: Sergeant Michael K. Parker, Star #1295

Date, Time: 17 January 2012 at 1618 hours

Present: Attorney Sara Panno-WALSH
Sergeant Christopher Pettis #1184

PARKER: What are your rank, full name, star number, and Unit of Assignment?
WALSH: Officer, [REDACTED] #11214, 023rd District.

PARKER: What is your employee number and date of appointment to the department?

WALSH: [REDACTED] 1998

PARKER: How long have you been assigned to your present unit?

WALSH: 8 to 9 years

PARKER: Have you been advised in writing or electronically of the specific allegation made against you, the name of the complainant, the date/time of the incident, and your Administrative Rights?

WALSH: Yes.

PARKER: Did you read and understand the allegation and your rights?

WALSH: Yes.

PARKER: Are you accompanied by counsel of your choosing? If so, please identify her for the record.

WALSH: Attorney Sara Panno-WALSH

PARKER: Do you understand that this is an official Police Department report and that any deviation from the truth could result in additional allegations being placed against you?

WALSH: Yes.



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PARKER: Rule 14 of the Chicago Police Department's Rules and Regulations prohibits making a false report, written or oral. You may be separated from the Chicago Police Department if you make a false report. Do you understand this?

WALSH: Yes.

PARKER: Are you ready to give your statement at this time?

WALSH: Yes, however this statement is not being given voluntarily, but under duress. I am only giving this statement because I know that I could lose my job if I refuse the direct order being given to me.

PARKER: On 19 Dec 2011, did you report your weapon a Smith and Wesson, Model 5943, serial [REDACTED] 9mm, 4.5" barrel, stainless steel finish, stolen under [REDACTED]

WALSH: Yes.

PARKER: Was your firearm secured with a department issued locking device or any other locking mechanism?

WALSH: No

PARKER: Was your firearm secured in a locked box/container or secured in another location that prohibits access to anyone other than yourself?

WALSH: No

PARKER: Where did you place your weapon after removing it from your person?

WALSH: Underneath my couch.

PARKER: Where is your couch located?

WALSH: Living room area near the kitchen.

PARKER: When was the last time you saw your weapon?

WALSH: About 11 o'clock that evening on the 18 of December.

PARKER: How do you normally secure or store your firearm when off duty?

WALSH: I have a safe in my bedroom. I usually put it in there and I didn't put it in there that day.

PARKER: Who witnessed you place your weapon underneath the couch?

WALSH: My roommate.

PARKER: So your roommate was present at the time you placed your weapon underneath the couch?

WALSH: Correct.



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PARKER: How often do you place your weapon underneath the couch?
WALSH: I don't, I usually put it in the safe.

PARKER: What is your roommate's full name, date of birth, current address and cell phone number?
WALSH: [REDACTED], date of birth [REDACTED] I don't have a current address for him. I believe it is Michigan with his girlfriend. [REDACTED]

PARKER: What is or was your relationship status with [REDACTED]
WALSH: Former roommate

PARKER: How long was he your roommate?
WALSH: Just over a year.

PARKER: Did you know [REDACTED] prior to him becoming your roommate?
WALSH: Yes

PARKER: Where do you know [REDACTED] from?
WALSH: Mutual friends.

PARKER: How long have you known [REDACTED]
WALSH: Approximately a year, and a half. (initials)

PARKER: When you discovered that your firearm was missing, what actions did you take?
WALSH: I notified my Watch Commander and District Commander.

PARKER: In the Original Case Incident Report, your roommate, [REDACTED] was listed as an offender. Is that correct?
WALSH: Yes.

PARKER: Why did was [REDACTED] listed as an offender?
WALSH: Because I asked him. He admitted that he took the weapon and that he He went out of his bicycle and he lost it.

PARKER: Why didn't you have [REDACTED] arrested when he admitted to taking you weapon?
WALSH: After he told me, I took the house keys and went to the 023rd district to file a report.

PARKER: Why didn't you place him in custody?
WALSH: I don't know. I thought he just took it and lost it. I thought it was an accident. (initials)

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PARKER: When was the last time you talked to or heard from [REDACTED]
WALSH: When I was in Florida, he called me. I told him that he needed to get this thing taken care of.

PARKER: When were you in Florida?
WALSH: Around the 30th of December.

PARKER: Did you pursue criminal charges by contacting the assigned detective?
WALSH: Yes.

PARKER: Was [REDACTED] arrested?
WALSH: No

PARKER: What did you mean by "You need to get this thing taken care of?"
WALSH: I said that I made a police report and to comply with the investigation going on and he said he would.

PARKER: Did you inform [REDACTED] that you were pursuing criminal charges?
WALSH: absolutely.

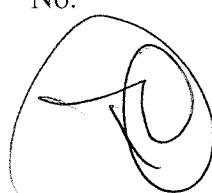
PARKER: Did you know of [REDACTED] to have a criminal background prior to or after you agreed to let him move in with you?
WALSH: No.

PARKER: Did you contact that follow-up investigator in area 3 to provide him with additional information on [REDACTED] whereabouts?
WALSH: Yes.

PARKER: When did you contact the follow-up investigator?
WALSH: The detective called you when I was in Florida towards the end of December

PARKER: What information did you give to the detective?
WALSH: His name, his phone, and where he might be.

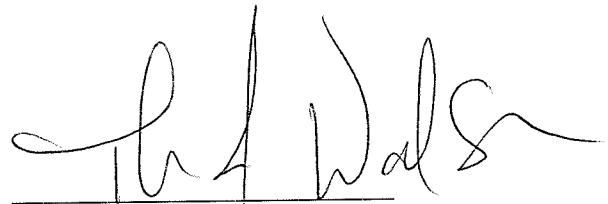
PARKER: Is there anything else that you wish to add to this statement at this time?
WALSH: No.

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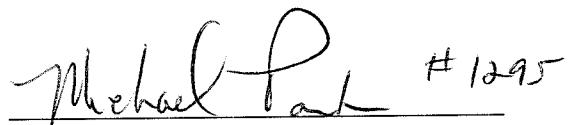
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P.O. Thomas WALSH # 11214



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Sergeant Michael PARKER# 1295